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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

Baltimore, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Gary Robertson, age 27, of Baltimore, Maryland was sentenced today by Judge William M. Nickerson to 216 months incarceration followed by 5 years of supervised release for possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon.

The Baltimore City police arrested Robinson on January 28, 2002 in Baltimore City shortly after he was seen with a firearm. The arresting officers recovered a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and two magazines containing several rounds of .45 caliber ammunition. Because the defendant was a convicted felon, it was illegal for him to possess both the firearm and the ammunition. On November 5, 2002, a jury found the defendant guilty of unlawfully possessing the pistol and ammunition.

This case was investigated by the Baltimore County Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan Mastrangelo.